Power survey

2123. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have undertaken a State-wise power survey in the country recently with a view to improve the power supply;

(b) if so, what is the over-all picture in the power front in the country; and

(c) what are the results of the Power Survey and what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) Conducting the Power Survey is a continuous process and it is done through the agency of Central Electricity Authority from time to time. The 12th Electric Power Survey was issued in March, 1985.

(b) and (c) According to present indications, for the year 1985-86, a demand of 181 billion units of electricity has been estimated for the country as a whole, against which the availability is expected to be 170 billion units. Apart from Additions to generating capacity, various measures are being taken to optimize the availability of power from existing power stations. These include:—

1. Expeditious commissioning of on-going projects.

2. Measures to import plant load factor of thermal power stations, such as—

(1) Extensive renovation and modernisation programme under a Centrally Sponsored Scheme for thermal power stations.

(2) Training of operation and maintenance staff for upgrading their skills and knowledge.

(3) Introduction of modern methods and techniques in the areas of operation, maintenance, inventory control and overall management of power stations.

(4) Proper plannnig and timely execution of works pertaining to annual overhaul|capital maintenance job; and

(5) Improvement in coal quality.

3. Reducing Transmission and distribution losses.

Blood|urine test of Bhopal gas victims

2124. SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANARAO: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a massive drive has been started in Bhopal for blood|urine tests of the gas victims;

(b) whether this drive is proposed to be carried out in the whole of Bhopal or only in selected colonies which were most affected;

(c) whether Government have carried out any study to ascertain the distance in the city upto which the effect of the gas was maximum and upto which distance it was minimum or negligible;

(d) whether the drive includes all the localities including those where the effect of the gas was negligible;

(e) whether, based on this study, Government propose to enact a legislation to ensure that such industries are set up only beyond a certain distance from the city?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO CHEMICALS (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No such specific study was conducted. The Central Pollution Control Board had, however conducted a study to determine the intensity of the impact of gas on vegetation in different areas.

(d) Does not arise.